

Jon from North Waterboro

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Dear Senator King,

I am deeply concerned that the new Trump administration and Republican Congress may roll back the Affordable Care Act.

It is imperative that a government of, by and for the people, ensure affordable health care for all Americans, especially those of us who need it the most.

I have an incurable, generally non-lethal form of bone cancer and have been under treatment for over 12 years. The multiple surgeries, MRI's, chemo and other treatments have been very expensive. I need to be very careful to ensure that this condition is not classified as a disqualifying 'pre-existing' condition. I estimate the treatments have exceeded \$250,000 over those 12 years. I cannot afford to pay for on-going treatment without Insurance. I am very pleased that the current ACA does not allow for 'pre-existing disqualification' and I would hate to see that removed. Having this condition is naturally, stressful, debilitating and undesired. I do not want or need the added stress of having to worry about legal denials of coverage.

Additionally I have two boys, aged 23 and 26 both of whom have benefited from remaining on our family insurance policy. That is a great policy and my boys are healthier as a result.

Finally, access to quality health care is and must be a right as it benefits both the individual and society. Health is key to happiness and success and happy successful people pay taxes, support the government, give back to the community.

Thank you for your time.